

REMARKS

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, Claims 1, 2 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 01/44084 and DE 10017050 A1.

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-8 have been canceled. New claim 9 combines original claims 1 and 2 and allowable claim 3. For this reason, new claim 9 is essentially allowable claim 3 in independent form as it includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2 from which original claim 3 depended. For these reasons, new claim 9 is in condition for allowance.


New claim 10 is dependent on claim 9. This claim combines the subject matter of previous claims 4 and 5 with previous allowable claim 6. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim is in allowable form.

Finally, new claims 11 and 12 are dependent on claim 9. Claims 11 and 12 substantially correspond to allowable claims 7 and 8 which have been canceled and, accordingly, also new claims 11 and 12 are in condition for allowance.

Since the claims have been amended to claim the subject matter that was indicated to be allowable, no further comment on the references of records is necessary.

An early and favorable action is earnestly
solicited.

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